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Sunne McPeak
Secretary of Business, Transportation & Housing Agency
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Dear Mr. Lloyd and Ms. McPeak:

Your agencies submitted the Goods Movement Plan to Governor Schwarzenegger this week. The Plan appears to focus on relieving congestion and air pollution in and around California's ports of entry and clearly fails to adequately address the long overdue needs of improving the Route 99 Corridor. To wit, the Plan proposes that 12.8 billion dollars of the total 14.4 billion dollars allocated for "Key Improvement Projects" is earmarked for projects in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, while only 330 million dollars is proposed for three Route 99 Corridor projects.

Caltrans has prepared and submitted a Business Plan for improving the Route 99 Corridor. A State investment of \$6 billion dollars over the next ten years is required to implement the priorities contained within the Business Plan for the Route 99 Corridor. The Highway 99 Task Force, the Transportation Work Group of the Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, 8 Valley Councils of Governments and the Madera County Board of Supervisors support the Business Plan.

Highway 99 is often called the transportation backbone of the San Joaquin Valley for a simple reason – it is. The Goods Movement Plan as proposed, has a certain facile appeal, but dismally fails to consider the negative ramifications and impacts to the Route 99 Corridor resulting from the proposed entries and exits to California's freeway transportation system while doing little if nothing to improve the heart and soul of the system, Freeway 99. The plan is akin to having 3-inch valves on the end of a ½ inch pipe – you have the capability to get a lot in and out, but lack the ability to move it productively to the other end of the line.

The Madera County Board of Supervisors supports the efforts of The Highway 99 Task Force, the Transportation Work Group of the Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, The Valley Councils of Governments and urges the adoption and implementation of the Caltrans Route 99 Business Plan and further, specifically requests that \$6 billion dollars be appropriated over the next ten years to implement the long overdue improvements to the Route 99 Corridor.

Sincerely,

Frank Bigelow
Supervisor, District 1

cc: Amy Arambula
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Assemblyman Cogdill